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# St. Paul's Visioning - Next Steps

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

Saturday, October 4th, was a gray and rainy day but the sun was certainly shining inside St. Michael's for more than six hours. Over 60 of our St. Paul's community gathered to engage in a visioning process that produced great energy, new relationships, and a whole lot of creativity.

It was exciting to be present as our folks discussed in pairs their most life-giving experiences at St. Paul's – and then posted on the wall many, many resources and strengths St. Paul's has today. Time was spent reviewing our history and discovering what resources carried us through both the good times and the difficult ones. Our afternoon focused on a mind-mapping exercise – what trends in our community offer St. Paul's the greatest opportunities for ministry. Then, given our gifts, talents, and resources, the group voted on what trends St. Paul's should be focusing our efforts on in the next few years.

The results – Mission & Outreach; youth and children; young families; the elderly population; the growing trend of fear, hatred and isolation in our community, and social media!

By the end of our time together, we were exhausted and yet exhilarated by all that had transpired in a few short hours. The walls in the Merrifield Room now hold the work of that day and all are invited to see what tremendous resources St. Paul's has to engage in mission and ministry.

BUT . . . we did not finish our task. Much was accomplished yet we need to gather once more to take the next step . . . reviewing all of our resources . . . considering all that we do well and

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# Visioning and Morning Prayer ...or...Our Roots and Our Future

By Sue LeDuc, Senior Warden

We have been blessed with a wonderful look at our past in October and an equally wonderful glimpse of our future. I don't know about you but all this has left me with lots to contemplate... in the car, waiting in line, with my morning cup of coffee, or any of those odd moments of quiet in our busy daily lives.

I miss Morning Prayer; that was the service three weeks out of every month when I was growing up. Because I find that my prayers are weighted with requests and not so many thanks...I miss The Prayer of General Thanksgiving.. which we said every week:

*"...give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips but with our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days.."*

On Saturday, October 4, I heard lots of you say that one very important part of St. Paul's future is service to others – that is, mission. A vision of each and every one of us finding something large or small to do to help others. A vision that as a community we will all be more intentional in "showing forth" God's praise in this much needed way. I'm excited.

## Visioning

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have succeeded at . . . and in combination with the trends we believe we need to focus our efforts on. We now need to clearly discern what specifically God is calling us to do for the next several years.

November 9, 2014 – immediately following our 10 am worship, all are invited to gather for a potluck and the next step of our visioning process. You are all invited to this meal and conversation whether or not you were present on October 4th. Our time will again focus on discovering our gifts and defining specific dreams to bring into reality. My hope is as many as possible will be present.

If you wish to find out more about what went on October 4th – find someone who was there and ask them about it. Spend some time reviewing the work displayed in the Merrifield Room and feel free to add your items to our history timeline.

May God continue to bless us and this community as we seek to discern what God is calling us next to do.

Blessings,

Karen+

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## "Give Glory to God"

*That is what we are called to do. Give Glory to God. Simple. Easy to remember. Each day, each moment, each breath we take and each action we engage in, is to give glory to God. Not just on Sunday. But every day of the week.*

*Sounds easy, but it is not. Millions of messages are sent to us each day and many require us to think, respond, react, and do something. What if, really . . . what if each response of yours was made to give glory to God? What if you lived your day – each and every moment of it – as if it were a prayer of thanksgiving – a prayer giving glory to God for all who you are, all that you have, and all that you will one day be?*

*I invite you to try it. Just for a day. Try to think of every action you take as a prayer giving glory. Try to think of every word you say and every breath you take as a prayer giving glory to God. Try to imagine that every gift you use in your work and every dollar you spend is your prayer giving glory to God.*

*This year our pledge campaign is simple – it is to give glory to God. Our work . . . our ministry . . . our Sunday School*

*and music ministry . . . our potlucks and Needs Closet . . . our office work and pastoral care . . . our communications and recycling . . . our building and grounds and Bhutanese Refugee Support Group . . . give glory to God. These are all of our prayers lifted to God in thanksgiving and to give glory to God for all that we have been given.*

*May your financial pledge this year give glory to God. May it be your financial prayer – one that will sustain all of the good work of St. Paul's in this community. Yes, our costs continue to rise . . . yes, our budget is not yet balanced but we are committed to doing so by 2016. Yes, we need you to increase the size of your pledge – not only to help us pay for the ministry we do, but more importantly, because it is your prayer of thanksgiving . . . your own prayer giving glory to God.*

*May God's glory continue to shine on you and through you. May we all give glory to God as we celebrate God's great gifts to us and to the future of St. Paul's.*

# Financial Update.

By Jeff Irwin, Treasurer

- Financial Information as of September 30, 2014
- The second pledge campaign resulted in \$39,025 in additional pledges for 2014. Pledge income was \$253,219 for the nine months ending September 30 which is 77% of the revised 2014 budget for pledge income.
- Operations had a loss for September of \$7,049 to bring the September 30 year-to-date total to a loss of \$68,598.
- In September the market value of the designated and restricted funds declined \$9,733 for a year-to-date net market gain of \$28,753.
- As of September 30 we have \$47,788 still to be collected from the Capital Campaign.
- The process of developing an operating budget for 2015 has begun.

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## One for the Archives!

By Barbara and Kirk Lindquist

We have just recently experienced a wonderful celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the consecration of our church building. You also may have noticed the significant number of pictures and albums in the cloister and in the Merrifield Room. Many of these are of significant events and special family moments and the greater parish of St. Paul's. The bulletin for the anniversary commemoration on September 24 had an important photo of the exterior of our beautiful building from the 1930's or 40's. We were very pleased to hear that this picture was shared by a long-term member of our parish family.

Unfortunately, we have very few pictures of our congregation in our archives collection. We have placed several of the pictures we have on the table in the Merrifield Room ("Do You Know These People?"). Other photos exist, but they are found in our older publications of the St. Paul's News or in our parish directories.

We would like you to consider sharing copies of any photos you might have with the parish, and to have them included with our parish archives. If this is a daunting prospect for any of you, we would be happy to scan and duplicate any photos you would like to have included. We also would add, that it would be very helpful if you could date and identify by name any persons included in your pictures.

Our archives should be more than a place to save Vestry minutes and old bulletins. We need to create a collection that tells our story and illustrates the many changes and challenges we have addressed over the years.

Your contributions are very important. Please let us know how we might help you, help us preserve and protect St. Paul's legacy of faith and mission.

## Prayer Quilt Ministry

The cupboards are almost full with fabric and supplies! We are part of a national organization – Prayers and Squares, a nonprofit organization. Remember, it is all about prayers, not the appearance of a quilt. We are a very small group and need help from YOU! You do not need to know how to sew!

- Can you wash and dry fabric?
- Can you iron and fold fabric?
- Can you help organize fabric by color and/or size?
- Can you take photos of prayer quilts?
- Can you keep records of prayer quilts given?
- Do you want to learn to sew a straight seam? We have two sewing machines and can teach you!

Persons are needed to do all of the above. Laundry would have to be done at home but we do have an iron and ironing board in our room at St. Paul's. Most of these "jobs" are short term. Can you help? Please contact Sally Boron, 517-669-9468 or 881-1104 to volunteer.



*Need a Prayer Quilt? Know a parishioner who needs a Prayer Quilt?*

Please let us know by filling out a prayer quilt request form – on the table in the Merrifield Room. We are looking for volunteers to help with washing, ironing and organizing our stash! Please contact Sally Boron or MaryLea Benson to volunteer.

# Parish Events.

## November Adult Formation ~ Desert Fathers and Mothers

By Karen Lewis

On November 5, 12, and 19, at 6:30 pm Dr. Nancy Weatherwax will offer her knowledge and insights into the spirituality of our desert fathers and mothers. As always, The Catered Affaire will offer a meal each evening beginning at 5:00 pm at a cost of \$6. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room if you wish to have dinner.

This study series invites you to explore the spirituality of the desert fathers and mothers, men and women of fourth and fifth century Egypt, Syria, and Palestine who felt called by God to make a radical commitment to the Christian life. Their teachings have been preserved in the form of outwardly simple but profoundly insightful sayings. Come

and discover what the sayings and lives of these early Christians offer to us in our own spiritual journeys today.

Nancy Weatherwax received her Ph.D. from the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt University in 2003 with a specialization in early Christianity. She has taught at several midwestern colleges and universities, including Millikin University, Albion College, Lansing Community College, and Western Michigan University. Nancy is an Episcopalian with Presbyterian roots, who has enjoyed leading adult education classes in churches for over 20 years.

## *Kudos, Thanks, and Wow to...*

... the children and youth who led us in worship on Sunday, October 19 in our Children's Sabbath Celebration. Well done!

... to all involved in planning and making happen our 100th Anniversary Celebration Events. To Ree Huber and Sally Lawrence – you did a great job! And to all who brought food, golfed, served, sang, etc. what a wonderful way to celebrate our past and look forward to our future.

... Bishop Gibbs for his gracious, insightful and challenging sermon at our 100th Anniversary Celebration service.

... to all who brought in diapers, baby wipes, sheets, blankets, towels, etc. for St. Paul's Needs Closet. Thank you for caring for our neighbors.

... to all of our pets who behaved so well during our Blessing of the Animals church service.

... to AJ Walilko, Bryan Goldberg, Sally Boron, and Karen Clarke for being diligent and patient delegates at our Diocesan Convention.

... the many, many people who gathered for our Visioning Day at St. Michael's. Your creativity, willingness to dream, and sharing of experiences made for a day of energy, excitement, and new possibilities.

... Libby Richardson for once again using her magic to create a successful blood drive. Also thanks to all who gave of their blood to give life to others.

## 4F'S UPCOMING EVENTS

(Faith, Fellowship, Food, & Fun)



Anyone who has time in the middle of the day is welcome to join us for Faith, Food, Fun & Fellowship! This year, we'll be meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month September through May, with no gatherings during Lent. Please sign up for programs in the Merrifield Room or by calling Kathleen at the church office (482-9464) or Nancy Sheldon (393-9165)

12:00 Noon: Lunch (\$6.00 lunch from A Catered Affaire)

12:45pm: Our spiritual segment-- "Using Hymns as One of Our Spiritual Resources" - Steve Lange

1:00pm to 2:00pm: Program

**Monday, November 17:** "Truly grand, for more than a century; America's Original Grand Hotel"

The Grand Hotel has always embraced its rich history, but kept up well with the times. Its personal historian, Bob Taggatz, has been a long-time employee of this beautiful hotel on Mackinac Island and is the historian who teaches classes about history at the hotel. He is a wonderful storyteller and has fascinating tales to tell about its building and its more than one hundred years of service of excellent hostelry! In the winter, he resides in Mason, MI.

**December 8 or 15...date yet to be determined:** "Annual Christmas Celebration: Special luncheon & Choir Concert"



# Parish Events.

## Sign up for First Aid/CPR/AED Class

By Sally Boron



Enroll in an Adult CPR / AED / First Aid Class:

- Skill class – November 22, Saturday, 9:00 am; Registration deadline November 6.
- Skill class – December 13, Saturday, 9:00 am; Registration deadline November 25.
- Current email address is required

when signing up.

- Class size is limited to a maximum of 10, minimum of 6.
- There is a fee of \$30 to cover American Red Cross course fees and locally used materials.

Reminder of the new class format:

1. Sign up in the Merrifield Room by the deadlines stated above.
2. The instructor (Sally Boron) will provide you with instructions after the deadline date for taking the content of CPR, AED, and First Aid on their own computer, at your own pace.

3. You will have about two weeks to complete the online class. (Do it all at once or space it out in several sessions.) Pass the on line quiz for each part of the class. Allow about two hours to take the online portion of the class.
4. You will receive a certificate of successful completion by email and the instructor will be notified of their success. Print the certificate or be able to show it on your smart phone.
5. A hands-on skill session will take place at St. Paul's for those who have successfully completed the online class. This session will be no more than two hours in length. This part of the class will use video lessons to review hands-on skills. Participants will practice the skills on manikins and with other materials. After appropriate demonstration of skills, participants will have successfully completed the class and earn a two-year ARC certification.

Questions? Contact Sally Boron – [sboron@casair.net](mailto:sboron@casair.net) or 517-669-9468 or 517-881-1104.

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### *Our chapel is the new home to our Sunday 8:00 am service -*

Beginning **Sunday, November 9**, our early Sunday service at 8 a.m. will be moving into the chapel as its permanent home. The chapel offers us a more intimate space where we can gather for worship of our Lord. Also, the space is easier to heat on those early winter mornings. If you arrive on the morning of the 9th and see no one in the sanctuary – look for us in the chapel.

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### **Honorary Canons Named**

*\*\*Excerpt from a News Release issued on October 21, 2014 by the Cathedral Church of St. Paul\*\**

On behalf of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, Michigan, the Right Reverend Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, and the Very Reverend Dr. S. Scott Hunter, Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, announce the naming of three Canons Honorary: The Rev'd Jannel Glennie, the Rev'd Jonathan Sams, and the Rev'd Gordon Weller.

Ordained in the Diocese of Albany, the Rev'd Gordon Weller came soon to St. James', Birmingham, Michigan. He left the Diocese for a time to offer his priestly gifts in the Diocese of Western Michigan, and returned to serve as rector of St. Paul's, Lansing, for fourteen years. There

he used the unique location of the parish, across from the Michigan State House, to offer ministry and witness to the people of the halls of government. He served as a member of most every diocesan body imaginable, and worked to build healthy connections and relationships between the western part of the Diocese of Michigan and more easterly points. An avid golfer, his retirement ministry is being spent healing and helping the continuing Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

The new Canons Honorary will be seated in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at the 11:00 service, as a part of the 190th Anniversary of the St. Paul's, the mother church of the Diocese of Michigan.

# Ministry and Mission.

## Mission & Outreach

By Carol Miller

### All Parish Thanksgiving Basket Project

Please join our "Turkey Team"! Bring food items to help fill ten baskets we will be preparing for needy families. You will find the turkey basket display with lists of needed items, signup sheets, and bins in the Merrifield Room. Take a feather home with you to remember what item you will be bringing back to place in the bins by Sunday, November 23! Donations are also welcome to help purchase turkeys. Baskets will be picked up Monday morning, November 24, by Community Mental Health early childhood program caseworkers who will deliver the baskets to their client families. Questions: call Carol Miller @614-0570.

### Stories from the Needs Closet

Just released from prison, Frank needed household items to begin his new life. Our closet provided him with sheets and towels. Bed bugs moved into the Smith Family's bedding which was subsequently destroyed and replaced by donated items from St. Paul's. Tragically, a house fire forced a family to suddenly move in with a relative who owned few linens himself. Our parish was able to help. Sally, fleeing violent spousal abuse, found an apartment, but needed warm sheets, blankets, and pillows for herself and her child. Yes, St. Paul's Needs Closet supplied these necessary, basic items as well. The caseworkers involved with these folks continue to express their gratitude to St. Paul's for this vital ministry. Thank you notes sent to St. Paul's written by families receiving linens, towels, and/or

## St. Elizabeth

We have a very interesting program planned for the **Tuesday, November 25th**, meeting of the St. Elizabeth Guild. Ruth Farmer will be hosting the Guild at her new place of residence in Independence Village. They will have a separate room for us for our lunch and meeting. We will then have a tour of this wonderful facility which Ruth really enjoys.

If anyone is interested in joining us, please let Debby Pierce know at 485-5446 or maxpierce@prodigy.net.

### Altar Guild Reminder

Commissioning at 8:00 am and 10:00 am services on **Sunday, November 16** with breakfast at 9:00 am. Please RSVP to your weekly chair.

diapers perhaps tell the whole story. Please check your closets at home; if you can donate even one gently used sheet, blanket, comforter, towel, for our closet inventory, please place them on the table in the cloister outside the sanctuary. You can be one of the many heroes in this dynamic story!

### Toy Project Gifts

Thank you to the R. J. Scheffel Memorial Toy Project for donating four dozen expertly handcrafted, unfinished "treasure boxes" to St. Paul's Mission and Outreach Ministry. Caseworkers at Community Mental Health will work with children who will decorate these boxes and keep them to store special things. Our Bhutanese support group members will also have the opportunity to paint boxes for their own use during a Monday morning craft session at St. Paul's. We are grateful to John Irwin, long-time church member and wood crafter, for arranging this connection with his wonderful co-volunteers at the R. J Scheffel Memorial Toy Project. For more information about this generous organization, talk to John or Google the organization's name.

### Warm Hands, Warm Hearts

Look for the Mitten Tree in the cloister! You can decorate this tree this fall with your donated gifts of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves to be given to needy adults and children in the Greater Lansing Community. Thank you!

## St. Aelred's

We pray for those who are sick and in need: Jane Diehl.

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Mason Hill, Marsha Macholz, Bill, John & Grace Hawkins, Tom Foltz, Sebastian Cuesta, Joe & Judy Manson, MaryLea & Ed Benson, Marilyn, Susan Brewster, Bruce Helmer, Debra Staal, Katie Stoltz, Bill Sheldon, Webb (Tony) Smith, Jim, and Kathy Bowland.

We pray and remember those in the Military, who are serving in dangerous areas: Tyson Carter and Brendan Moody

# Ministry and Mission.

## Altar Flower Ministry

By Barb Lindquist

Your gift of flowers to the Glory of God not only provides the adornment of our altars and a proclamation of resurrection. It also serves as a pastoral blessing to those who have flowers delivered to them. They are typically those who are shut-in due to illness, faced with personal or family crisis, or to those with a milestone celebration. It is truly a multi-faceted gift.

St. Paul's altar flowers are provided through the goodness of members and friends. Starting in January 2015, we will no longer automatically carry over dedications from year to year. You will need to fill out an Altar Flower Dedication Request for each Sunday. A sign-up chart will be posted and updated on the bulletin board by the elevator. We can have multiple dedications for any given Sunday. Each dedication request requires a \$70 donation. All dedication requests for a specific Sunday will be honored.

To have an altar flower dedication in the bulletin, your request form and \$70 donation must be turned into the office by the Monday prior to the Sunday of your dedication.

Special dedications are planned for four Sundays: Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day and All Saints. A few weeks before these special Sundays, a special dedication form will be provided.

No altar flowers will be provided if no dedication has been made for a given Sunday. The operating budget can no longer subsidize altar flowers. This ministry must follow the original intent, and be self-sustaining.

Questions? Please contact Barbara Lindquist, Altar Flower Coordinator, at 517-347-0367 or barblindquist@comcast.net.

### November 2014 Altar Flower Dedications

**November 2** - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the Communion of Saints and for all and who have been reborn into the life of Jesus Christ by our baptism.*

**November 9** - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Richardson by his family, and in loving memory of Fenton A. Self by Edith Self and family.*

**November 16** - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents and grandparents and in gratitude for our loving families from Sue and Dick Bacon.*

**November 23** - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of husband Martin Lindholm, daughters Kathy Lindholm Lane, and Patty Lindholm Bayes and in thanksgiving for my family from Norma Lindholm.*

### November 30th - Dedication needed for Advent Greens

Thank you the following congregants for your support of St. Paul's Altar Flower Ministry\*

George and Kay Gallup  
James W. Clark Family  
Lyn Zynda  
Leigh Henrys  
Bruce Helmer  
St. Elizabeth's Guild  
David and Nancy Berger  
Max and Debby Pierce  
Helen Deliyanne  
Elizabeth Senko  
The Tripp Family  
The Assiff and McGiff Families  
Jo-Ann and Ray Chase  
Peter and Nancy Sheldon  
Barbara and Kirk Lindquist  
Martie and Tom Repaskey

Pat Ihrig  
B and PW Guild  
Joanne and Jim Boulton  
Roberta Stanley  
Stacey and Whitney Sorrow  
Mandy Lawton  
Nancy and Gordon Milne  
Bobbi Tisdale and Craig Sparks  
Barbara Sawyer Koch  
Valerie Bowman  
Pat Riley  
Joan Van Auken  
Judi Brown Clarke and Hugh Clarke  
Pat and Webb Smith  
Ruth Farmer  
Pam and John Irwin

Eleanor Doersam  
Haywood Julian  
Norma Lindholm  
Cynthia and Greg Ward  
Marilyn and George Nugent  
Kathleen Johnson  
Sue LeDuc  
The Richardson Family  
Sue and Dick Bacon  
Leon Atayan  
Mary Ann Austin

\*Please remember to fill out a flower dedication form for flowers in 2015. All dedications for any Sunday are honored.



By Jackie Womble, Youth & Family Missioner

## An Advent Event!

Sunday, November 30 is the first day of Advent! During Sunday School class time the children will enjoy an Advent Event! We will make Jesse Tree ornaments, decorate (and eat) cookies, and color cards for our shut-ins! We plan to have a rocking good time! Come join us!

## Children's Sabbath

What an amazing service! On Sunday, October 19, the children of St. Paul's lead our 10am Children's Sabbath Service. They did a fantastic job! It was a thoughtful, prayer-filled, fun service. A HUGE "thanks" to the children (and their parents!) for all the hard work, making time

for practice and helping to lead our worship! You were all amazing! Thank You!

## Bullying Prevention Workshop

On Sunday, October 19, Eric Travis, Missioner for Youth and Young Adults for the Diocese, presented a workshop on social media, what it is and how kids are using it today and how parents and families can help prevent bullying via social media. Eric did a great job explaining how our young people are using social media. The materials from the workshop are available on the Youth Table in the Merrifield Room.

## One World, Many Stories - St. Paul's Youth Library

We all learn through making connections. This very human strategy never ends. Ideas have to have something to attach to and the more attachments we can make, the stronger the learning will be. The more varied a concept's attachments, the broader our understanding will be and the more likely we will be able to generalize our learning to new situations.

St. Paul's Youth Library contains treasures of classic picture books, as well as the many gems of modern children's literature. These books deserve your attention because of the rich potential of theological connections they offer for learners of all ages.

### November Lectionary Links

**Year A: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 2**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12**

*The Tower: A Story of Humility* by Richard Paul Evans

Comment: Jesus chastises the Pharisees and scribes in this passage for their arrogance, their seeking honor and status and demanding of importance (what young children might call "showing off") Jesus says that the better route is humility, not status-seeking, for "all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted." A fabled re-telling of this idea is found in *The Tower* set in a town in China where a young man's quest to be great leads him to build a tower so he is higher than everybody else. However, a bird tells him about a woman greater than he, and she tells the man that greatness is really seeing people, not being up high in a lonely tower. The young man learns the lesson that the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus's day missed.

**Year A: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 9**

**Second Reading: I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst

Comment: "We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope", Paul writes. Their hope is found in Jesus's resurrection and the hope of being joined together again one day. In *The Invisible String*, Liza

and Jeremy's mother tells them that an invisible string, a string called love, joins everyone. That way, even when someone is gone or dies, they are connected to them through that invisible string. And so in our lives, though we may be sad, we grieve with hope since we are connected by the love of Jesus Christ.

**Year A: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 16**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30**

*The Little Yellow Leaf* by Carin Berger

Comment: This passage is the very familiar parable of the talents. Each servant is given a different amount and when their master returns the first two return it plus interest and are praised, but the third buries the single talent in the ground and never puts it to any use, and so he is punished. The main focus is on using the gifts and "talents" that God gives you wisely and joyfully—not buried in the ground. In *The Little Yellow Leaf*, although late fall has come and the frost is arriving, one little yellow leaf clings to a tree, afraid to let go, to do what it is supposed to do, what it was made to do as a leaf. Finally, another leaf encourages it and they float through the air together and enjoy the sights and sounds of fall, doing exactly what leaves were made to do, just as we should do what we were made to do with our talents.



# One World, Many Stories

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Year A: Christ the King Sunday,  
November 23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

Emma's Poem: *The Voice of the Statue of Liberty* by Linda Glaser

Comment: Jesus' message in this passage is a famous one: whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me. Jesus makes clear that the good or bad that what we do to the poor, helpless, thirsty, naked and downtrodden we are doing exactly to our Lord. Therefore, we must choose to give help, water, clothing, and love and kindness to those who are "the least of these". Emma Lazarus, the biographical subject of Emma's Poem, while a wealthy woman, saw the plight of the immigrants in New York City, the least of these. She began to help them learn to read, get jobs and food, and other necessities. She is most famous for penning the poem on the Statue of Liberty, with the words, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses/Yearning to breathe free". Emma Lazarus truly did her best for "the least of these".




## BOOK COLLECTION BEGINS IN JANUARY

Sue Millar

In the next couple months please begin collecting books you want to donate for our Used Book Sale that is scheduled for February. We will welcome your books, CDs and DVDs for the February sale that benefits Episcopal Relief and Development. More details in December. Thanks for looking ahead!

# Calendar.

NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in the Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room <b>5:30 PM</b> Liturgy & Music Ministry <b>6:00 PM</b> Recycling Ministry Team	<b>28</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service <b>12:30 PM</b> St. Elizabeth Guild @ Ree Huber's	<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Choir	<b>30</b> Rev. Lewis Away <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbell Choir <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>31</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>1</b>  ALL SAINTS' DAY REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK TONIGHT
<b>2</b> ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b> GIVE GLORY TO GOD <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in the Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion <b>11:30 AM</b> Communications Committee <b>6:45 PM</b> Bible Study w/Rev. Lewis	<b>3</b> Kathleen Johnson Away <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room <b>6:00 PM</b> Stewardship Ministry Team	<b>4</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Night Dinner <b>5:30 PM</b> Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs <b>5:30 PM</b> Mission & Outreach Ministry <b>6:30 PM</b> Class on Wisdom of the Desert Fathers & Mothers <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Choir	<b>6</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbell Choir <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Baptism Anniversary Celebration GIVE GLORY TO GOD <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in the Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion <b>11:30 AM</b> Congregation Potluck <b>11:30 AM</b> CONGREGATION VISIONING - PART II	<b>10</b> Kathleen Johnson Away <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room <b>11:00 AM</b> Executive Vestry Committee <b>5:30 PM</b> Finance Committee	<b>11</b> Kathleen Johnson Away <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service <b>5:00 PM</b> Buildings & Grounds <b>5:30 PM</b> Prayer Group - Chancel <b>6:00 PM</b> B&PW Dinner & Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>4:30 PM</b> St. Aelred's Committee - Van Atta <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Night Dinner <b>5:30 PM</b> Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs <b>5:30 PM</b> Community Life Committee <b>6:30 PM</b> Class on Wisdom of the Desert Fathers & Mothers <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Choir	<b>13</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> Open Door - Serving Lunch <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbell Choir <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>4:00 PM</b> MSU One Community Pushing the Envelope Fundraiser	<b>15</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> SAFEGUARDING GOD'S PEOPLE WORKSHOPS <b>11:59 PM</b> SPN Deadline!!
<b>16</b> Altar Guild Commissioning GIVE GLORY TO GOD <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in the Chapel <b>9:00 AM</b> Altar Guild Breakfast <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room <b>12:00 PM</b> 4 F's Luncheon & Program <b>6:00 PM</b> Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30 pm	<b>18</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Night Dinner <b>5:30 PM</b> Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs <b>6:30 PM</b> Class on Wisdom of the Desert Fathers & Mothers <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Choir	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast <b>9:30 AM</b> Rev. Lewis @ Fresh Start Program <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbell Choir <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> OFFICE CLOSED SILVER BELLS IN THE CITY Silver Bells-Library, JW Office, Van Atta Reserved <b>4:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbell Choir	<b>22</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> RED CROSS TRAINING
<b>23</b> GIVE GLORY TO GOD <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in the Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion	<b>24</b> Kathleen Johnson Away <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room <b>5:30 PM</b> Liturgy & Music Ministry <b>6:00 PM</b> Recycling Ministry Team	<b>25</b> Kathleen Johnson Away <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service <b>12:30 PM</b> St. Elizabeth Guild @ Independence Village <b>6:00 PM</b> Harvest Home Dinner	<b>26</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>27</b> OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING	<b>28</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> ADVENT I <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in the Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room <b>6:00 PM</b> Stewardship Ministry Team	<b>2</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service <b>5:30 PM</b> Prayer Group - Chancel	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs <b>5:30 PM</b> Mission & Outreach Ministry <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Choir	<b>4</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>6</b> FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS St. Nicholas Family Party

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